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FM AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 6489

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SUBJECT: DUTY FREE PRIVILEGES AND TAX LIABILITIES OF FOREIGN  
SERVICE NON-DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL

REF A. STATE 183999, B. 2 FAM 243, C. STATE 173492

D. ABU DHABI 2257

1. A. OFFICIALLY, ONLY DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL AUTHORIZED UNLIMITED  
IMPORT RIGHTS WHILE OTHER STAFF ENTITLED HAVE ONLY ONE  
COMSIGNMENT OF HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS CLEARED WITHOUT DUTY OR  
CUSTOMS CHECK. IN PRACTICE, NO SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES EXIST  
BETWEEN CUSTOMS TREATMENT OF DIPLOMATIC AND NON-DIPLOMATIC  
AMERICAN PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THIS MISSION. OFFICIAL  
EMPLOYMENT BY THE EMBASSY, NOT DIPLOMATIC STATUS, CONFERS THE  
BENEFITS OF DUTY-FREE IMPORTS. PROMPT CUSTOMS CLEARANCE WITHOUT  
INSPECTION IS GRANTED ALL EMBASSY, USIS, BUREC AND US CUSTOMS  
ASSIGNED AMERICAN PERSONNEL FOLLOWING NOTIFICATION BY  
EMBASSY TO FOREIGN MINISTRY.

B. LIQUOR PURCHASE ALLOWANCES ARE GRANTED BY ABU DHABI AND  
DUBAI GOVERNMENTS TO NON-MUSLIM PERSONNEL ONLY. EMBASSY PROCESSES  
APPLICATIONS FOR ALLOWANCES FOR ALL STAFF THROUGH  
FOREIGN MINISTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT. AMBASSADOR ALONE  
ALLOWED UNLIMITED PURCHASES OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. ALL  
OTHER DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT HOLDERS, INCLUDING THOSE NOT  
ON DIPLOMATIC LIST, HAVE MONTHLY ALLOWANCES OF DH600  
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(\$154). ALLOWANCE OF ONE EMBASSY EMPLOYEE WITH OFFICIAL  
PASSPORT IS DH 300 (\$77) MONTHLY. ALLOWANCE IN  
FACT IS LIBERAL AS LIQUOR HERE IS RELATIVELY INEXPENSIVE AND  
ALL EMBASSY STAFF BENEFIT FROM 20 PERCENT DISCOUNT WHICH IN  
EFFECT SERVES TO REMIT DUTY LEVIED ON IMPORTED ALCOHOLIC  
BEVERAGES.

C. NO INCOME, SALES, OR OTHER TAXES ARE LEVIED ON AMERICAN MISSION PERSONNEL

2. NO ACTION BEING TAKEN OR IS CONTEMPLATED TO ELIMINATE MINOR DIFFERENCES NOTED ABOVE AS THEY HAVE LITTLE OR NO PRACTICAL FINANCIAL IMPACT ON NON-DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL.

3. RESIDENT-HIRE AMERICANS WORKING FOR USIS AND WITHOUT DIPLOMATIC OR OFFICIAL PASSPORTS ARE NOT OF COURSE GRANTED ANY SPECIAL CONSIDERATION BECAUSE OF ASSOCIATION WITH MISSION. CUSTOMS CLEARANCE PROCEDURE, LIQUOR PURCHASING ALLOWANCE, AND ALL HOUSING RELATED RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDING UTILITY RATES ARE AS FOR OTHER RESIDENT ALIENS IN UAE.  
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